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LETTER DATED 13 NOVEMBER 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to draw your attention to the French and English texts, of a statement on Yugoslavia, adopted by the European Community and its member States at their ministerial meeting held at Noordwijk on 12 November 1991.

We shoud be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement on Yugoslavia

[Original: English/French]

The European Community and its member States condemn the further escalation of attacks upon Vukovar, Dubrovnik and other towns in Croatia.

They have noted that for the first time both the rump Presidency, which consists of representatives of Serbia and Montenegro, and the Government of Croatia, have called for the deployment of international peace-keeping forces in the crisis areas. In response, the Community and its member States have invited Lord Carrington to leave for Yugoslavia without delay in order to explore whether an agreement on such deployment can indeed be reached.

Lord Carrington has been asked to explain to the parties concerned that any deployment of peace-keeping forces will be contingent on the prior establishment of an effective cease-fire.

Member States which are members of the United Nations Security Council have undertaken to accelerate work on additional measures to enhance the effectiveness of the arms embargo and on necessary steps towards imposing an oil embargo. In addition, they will ask the Security Council to consider urgently the implications of the recent proposals from the Yugoslav parties.